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Serial No.: 09/746,033

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Confirmation No.: 9174

Filed: December 21, 2000

Art Unit: 1771

For: WATER-DECOMPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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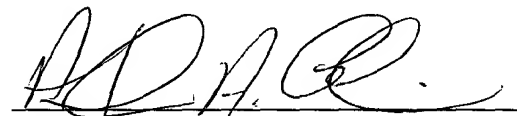
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	11	- 20 =	0	\$18	\$0.00
Independent	4	- 3 =	1	\$84	\$84.00
Multiple Dependent					\$

Total additional fee
for this amendment \$0.00

- ☐ Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of preceding total) \$0.00
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$84.00 is attached.
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Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows: